

REPORTS SHOW GREAT PROGRESS

Southern School Superintendents
Begin Third Annual Session
in South Carolina.

MEETING BEGINS TO-MORROW

City Already Filled With Visi-
tors From Many Sections
of Country.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
COLUMBIA, S. C., April 25.—At
the third annual session of State Superin-
tendents of Education for the Southern
States here to-day and night, superin-
tendents from Texas, North Carolina,
Tennessee, South Carolina, Louisiana,
Georgia, Alabama and Arkansas are present.
S. A. Wynders, of Tennessee, was
re-elected president.

The principal work of the association
is the collaboration with members of the
educational board, composed of Charles
D. Melver, chairman of North Carolina;
Chancellor T. H. University of Georgia;
President Alderman, University of Vir-
ginia; Dr. F. R. L. of Virginia, in pre-
paring a book of statistics to be used
as campaign matter in an educational
revival for local school tax during the
summer.

These statistics, prepared largely by
Charles L. Conner, R. D. W. Conner, of
North Carolina, and H. C. Gunnels, of
Alabama, are being carefully examined,
and the work will continue to-morrow.
The book will be issued in a few weeks.
Reports made by superintendents of
various Southern States are full of
interest, indicating great pro-
gress and zeal everywhere in the South
along educational lines in public as in
private schools.

The city is filling up with visitors from
many States preparatory to the assem-
bling of the eighth session of the Con-
ference for Southern Education, which
meets in the State Capitol Wednesday
night. The president of the conference,
Mr. Robert C. Ogden, of New York, with
a party of one hundred distinguished men
and women, will arrive at 11 o'clock
to-morrow on a special train from New
York.

A NOTABLE VETO.

Governor Mickey, of Nebraska,
Sustains Christian Science.

The Governor of Nebraska has vetoed
the Medical Bill, passed by the Legis-
lature of that State. After the passage
of the bill, the Governor concludes his mes-
sage as follows:

"The measure is also open to the ob-
jection that it is class legislation. Prac-
titioners of osteopathy are specifically
exempted from burdensome taxation im-
posed upon the practice of Christian Science
healing."
"Without in any degree reflecting upon
the motives of the Legislature, it is dif-
ficult, too, to avoid the conclusion that
the bill was conceived in a spirit of pro-
tection to the osteopaths. As originally in-
troduced, the measure bore upon osteopaths
with the same force that it does upon
Christian Scientists, and when it is re-
called that osteopaths, eclectics, and
other now well recognized schools of
healing, as well as osteopaths, have

Tate F. Chenery,
President.

J. W. Pentress,
Sec'y & Treas.

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to fight their way to existence over
legal barriers raised by their professional
brethren, who happened to be within the
pale of the law, this suspicion may be
pardoned that there is more at issue
than a consuming zeal for the public
health.

"These are some of the reasons which
impel me to return House Bill No. 165
to your honorable body without my ap-
proval."
(Signed) JOHN H. MICKLEY,
"Governor."

To Answer Dr. Taylor.

At the Grove Avenue Baptist Church
Sunday morning the pastor, the Rev. Dr.
J. B. Hawthorne, will preach on the sub-
ject, "Does the Soul Die With the Body?"
The sermon will be a reply to the re-
cent lecture of Coroner Taylor, delivered
at the Medical College of Virginia.

Willing Spirit, Weak Flesh.

The little woman placed her hands on her
husband's shoulders and looked at him, her
soul in her eyes, said Judge. "There isn't
anything you wouldn't attempt for me in
here, Henry?" she asked.

"Nothing," said Henry, his mouth shut-
ting resolutely.
"You would even risk death for me,
wouldn't you?"

"I would and gladly."
"Then, dear, please go down in the basem-
ent and discharge the cook."
But Henry's face paled and his knees trem-
bled, for he realized that he had spoken
rashly.

Knew He Couldn't Dodge.

Lute Morse is telling a story about a green
recruit from the old sod who was sent
with his brother through a railroad cut on a
pleasant Sunday afternoon.
When a train came up behind them and
whistled the experienced Irishman clambered
up the bank while his brother struck off down
the track as hard as he could run, only to be
overtaken and tossed about forty rods by the
cowcatcher. The brother rushed to his side
and shouted:

"Shure, I'm killed entirely."
"Why didn't you climb the bank?"
"Well, I couldn't baste it on the level,"
snorted the wounded Irishman, "how the devil
could I baste it climbing hills?"—Nebraska
State Journal.

HAIR OF APPLE CROP IS KILLED

The Weather Bureau Receives
Gloomy Reports From Va-
rious Sections.

TOBACCO PLANTS UNHURT

They Are Small in Some Locali-
ties, But in Healthy
Condition.

The weekly crop bulletin of the Weather
Bureau issued yesterday, thus summarizes the
situation:

General Situation.—The temperatures of the
week were somewhat cooler than normally,
and the precipitation deficient. High winds
also prevailed in most sections, drying and
hardening the soil rapidly and making it dif-
ficult to work properly. Preparation of land
for crops has, therefore, been delayed. Heavy
frosts were general early in the week, the
temperature going down below the freezing
point in some localities, and much damage
was done to tender vegetation and fruit
blossoms. Gardens are late. Clover is in variable
condition, some correspondents reporting it to
be doing well and others poorly. German
clover is, on the whole, in better condition
than the red top. Grass in pastures and
mowing meadows is advancing slowly. Rain
is needed in some localities to soften the
ground for plowing.

Winter wheat continues promising. The cold
weather of the week had no other effect than
to retard growth slightly. The crop is jointing.
Winter oats are advancing and the prospects
for the crop are very good except in some
portions of the Middle Virginia section, where
the stands are very poor.

Spring oats: Some preparation of land for
this crop was completed during the week and
seeding carried on. In early seeded fields the
plants are coming up and generally good
stands are being secured.

Corn planting is later than usual. The wet
weather of the preceding week and high
drying winds of the current one, have packed
and hardened the soil and interfered with
plowing considerably. However, some pro-
gress in this direction has been made, and
planting begun in all parts of the State.
Showers and warmer weather are needed to
bring the crop up to its average seasonal con-
dition.

Tobacco plants passed through the week un-
injured. In some localities they are small
and generally late, but they are vigorous
and thrifty and an abundant supply
for transplanting seems assured.

Potatoes (Irish) were much injured by frost,
especially in the trucking districts, where the
tops were well above the ground and exposed
to the cold.

Truck crops were also seriously injured by
frost, especially in the trucking districts in
the extreme southeast. Tidewater cucumbers,
where snap-beans, English peas and cumpers
were damaged, and in some instances, killed.
About one-half the strawberry blooms were
killed also.

Fruit: Reports from correspondents indicate
that peach, pear, cherry and plum bloom, and
about one-half of the apple bloom, has been
killed. In the fruit districts of the Piedmont
and Blue Ridge region, the damage by frost
was confined mostly to the lowland orchards.

Tidewater Virginia.

Common, King George—Ice and frost killed
Irish potatoes and heavy vegetation; fruit
damaged; pastures backward; oats puny;
gardens late; ground unfit to plow; little corn
planted.

Common, King and Queen—Weather cold;
fruit injured; vegetation retarded; wheat and
oats promising; clover poor.

Common, Cross Roads, Brunswick—Crops dam-
aged by cold weather; fruit injured; wheat
looks fair; tobacco plants late.

Common, W. of York, York—Weather cold;
fruit injured; tobacco plants late; wheat
looks fair; tobacco plants late.

Common, Norfolk—Rain needed for every-
thing; fruit and vegetation injured.

Middle Virginia.

Angola, Cumberland—Some fruit left unin-
jured by frost; corn planting well under way;
gardens late.

Farmville, Cumberland—Weather good for
work; fruit killed; gardens backward.

Forest, De Witt—Weather cold and dry
weather with frost; probably one-half fruit
crop uninjured.

Gordonsville, Orange—Weather favorable for
vegetation and corn planting just be-
gun; season late, but promising.

Lone Oak, Henry—Some potatoes and tomato
plants and fruit damaged by frost; wheat all
right.

Louisa, Louisa—Weather unfavorable, but
crops doing well; fruit safe, but may fall off.
Middleburg, Loudoun—Cold weather de-
stroyed early blossoming fruit; peaches gone;
grass and wheat look good.

Orange, Orange—Cold, dry weather; vegeta-
tion advanced very little; fruit injured except
apples.

Ruther, Glen, Caroline—Unfavorable for
growing crops; fruit injured somewhat; to-
bacco plants uninjured.

Shakos, Gloucester—Vegetation and fruit not
much damaged, though weather cold and
frosty.

Skipwith, Mecklenburg—Fruit partly injured;
little damage to vegetation; corn planting be-
gun.

Sunnyvale, Cumberland—Wheat and clover
not materially damaged and vegetation and
fruit somewhat injured; tobacco plants unin-
jured; other fruit except apples somewhat
injured; pastures and grain look good; seed;
wheat and grain look good.

Yancey Mills, Albemarle—Wheat in fine con-
dition; winter oats poor; fruit on lowlands
killed; planting just begun.

The Great Valley.

Bluecone, Tazewell—Too cold for wheat,
grass and vegetation; fruit killed; tobacco
injured; oats and grass much retarded by cold
weather.

Cross-Bland—Snow and cold weather killed
about all fruit; apples not in bloom.

Fancy Hill, Rockbridge—Frost injured peach
crop; wheat and grass growing well; corn
planting begun.

Fugates Hill, Russell—Plants growing well;
wheat and grass look fine; fruit, except
apples, killed.

Grahams Forge, Wythe—Wheat and gardens
not damaged; cold weather; peas and
peaches killed; apples injured.

Marion, Smyth—Late frost killed fruit; ap-
ples damaged; wheat and young clover ap-
parently well.

Mount Jackson, Shenandoah—Weather
cold; vegetation and fruit injured; ground
too hard to work.

New River, Pulaski—Vegetation recovering
slowly; fruit not all killed; wheat damaged
by high winds.

Osborns Gap, Dickinson—Cold weather re-
tarded everything; fruit injured; wheat and
grass look fine; peas, cherries and
about half the apple crop killed by cold and
unfavorable weather.

Sauwelle, Shenandoah—Frost and ice;
wheat doing well; very little damage to fruit
apparently; corn look planted.

Shawville, Montgomery—Good weather for
work; fruit not injured; except peaches; wheat
and grass doing well; corn planting just be-
gun.

Woodstock, Shenandoah—Fruit prospect good;
corn planting progressing; wheat needing rain;
grass doing well.

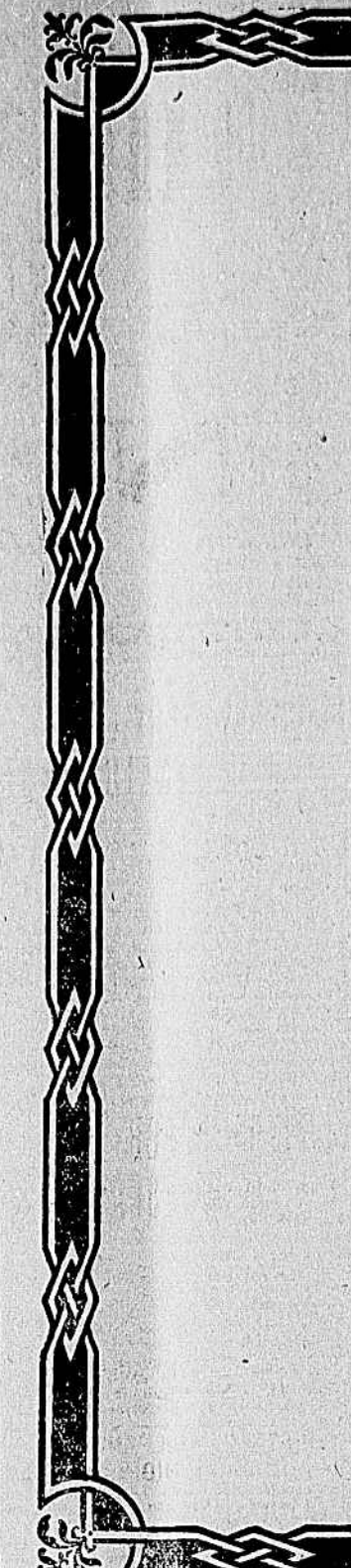
Zion Mills, Lee—Wheat, spring oats and
peas look fine; fruit and foliage partly
injured.

Postmasters and Patents.
(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—John A.
Norris has been appointed postmaster at
Polester, Carteret county, N. C., vice Jer-
emiah Watson, resigned.

Rural free delivery route No. 2, ordered es-
tablished June 1st at Pockham, Anson county,
N. C., serving 710 people, and 134 houses.

Rail carriers appointed for Virginia routes:
Bland, route 1, Hubert Sinter carrier, Sam
D. Sinter substitute; Hillsville, route 3, James
C. Wall carrier, Edward R. Wall substitute;
Hingsdale, route 2, J. D. Bennett carrier,
Sam D. Bennett substitute; Schuyler, route 1,
John A. Hartsch carrier, Warren D. Hart-
sch substitute.

Patents issued: Virginia—Lloyd W. Brablie,
Deep Creek, pigato digger; J. Ward W. Giffen,
Portsmouth, steam trap; Charles McBrine,
Charlottesville, railway system; Thomas H.
Pace, Richmond, steam trap; J. H. G. G. G.
North Carolina—Robert H. Bradley, Winston-
Salem, extension bedstead; George F. Wright,
Laurinburg, burglar trap.



WILL PITCH CAMP IN RICHMOND TO-DAY

General Cronje, at Head of Boer
War Veterans, Ar-
rives Here.

Six hundred Boer veterans, headed by
General Piet A. Cronje, who are to ap-
pear here to-day and to-morrow, will
arrive at an early hour this morning from
Norfolk after the train pulls in the work
of unloading the gigantic production will
commence and before the sun has ascend-
ed, the Boers will have pitched their camp
in the former capital of
the Confederacy.

The parade, which is to occur this morn-
ing will be one of the most striking mili-
tary displays ever witnessed by the Boers
in the United States, and British soldiers,
which played a part in the bloody struggle
of the Transvaal will figure prominently
in the parade.

The parade route will be as follows:
Line of march will be formed at the
grounds, between Robinson and Streets,
Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and
the procession will go eastward along
Broad Street to North into the Capitol
Square, where four pieces of artillery will
be detached from the Washington monu-
ment, where a salute will be fired. When
this has been concluded the march will
be resumed and the column will move
westward along Grace Street to Fifth
Street, thence west to the Lee
monument, on to Broad Street and back
to the grounds.

The parade will be headed by Captain
A. W. Lewis, originator and general man-
ager of the enterprise, whose carriage
will be immediately followed by the fa-
mous Statuette of the Boer War.

General agent himself as band-
leader. Frank Ellis, director of the ex-
hibition, will be seen mounted on his fa-
mous horse, "Empire."

Many prominent Boer officers ride at
the head of the Boer cavalry, among
them Commandant Van Dam,
Grandson of the late president of the Free
State and an officer of great fame among
his countrymen.

Commandant Van Dam, a crack regiment of the
Transvaal, and took the Boer war, was
wounded no less than ten times during
the campaign; Veld-Cornet, N. C. Van
Veld-Cornet, Coetzee and Young, and
many other heroes of the Boer war.

The long line of Boer cavalry will be
followed by the Transvaal States artillery,
with guns that were actually used by the
Boers during the war. The famous gun-
ner, Lieutenant Wolmarans, is the chief
of the Boer artillery, with Lieutenant
Mannar second in command.

The British contingents will be headed
by a detachment of Scotch Highlanders,
marching to the strains of their beloved
bag pipes, who will be followed by a de-
tachment of naval reserves, who served
in the war. The officers commanding the
British contingent, all of whom held com-
missions in South Africa, will ride at the
head of a squadron of mounted infantry
armed with mules and ox transport
wagons, ammunition and ambulance
wagons and Cape carts, drawn by four-
in-hand teams, and a party of South
African natives, Zulus, Basutos, Swazis,
Matabele and Kafirs.

There will be two performances each
day at the grounds at Robinson and
Broad Streets. At the matinee this af-
ternoon the veterans from the Soldiers
Home will be the guests of General Cron-
je. To-morrow Mayor McCarthy and the
Board of Aldermen will occupy seats
especially reserved for them by invita-
tion from the management.

NOTED MOONSHINER.

Captured in Early Morning While
in His Stable Unarmed.

(Continued from First Page.)
LYNCH STATION, CAMPBELL COUNTY,
VA., April 26.—A party of ten deputy
United States revenue officers surrounded
the house of a man named Elliott,
near Maryville, who shot Deputy Jones
about two years ago, when an attempt
was made to capture him. They cap-
tured Elliott next morning, when he went
to the stable to feed and was without
arms.

Had Elliott had his trusty rifle with
him he would have put up a fight.

SUFFOCATED.

Negro Found Dead Among a
Pile of Rubbish.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HURSTOL, TENN., April 25.—William
Crockett, a negro man, was found dead
among iron and timber rubbish near
Hurstol, Tenn. He was found by a
couple of boys who were playing in the
rubbish.

Eloped and Forgiven.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCH STATION, VA., April 25.—
Miss Nora Moon, a daughter of the late
Daniel Moon, of Hill Grove, Plymouth
county, N. C., Sunday
with Mr. H. A. Jackson, of Hurt, in the
same county. The happy couple returned
even by their parents.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904, OF THE CONDI- TION AND AFFAIRS OF THE ATLANTA-BIRMINGHAM FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ATLANTA, GA., APRIL 25, 1905. ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ALA-
BAMA, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
VIRGINIA, IN PURSUANCE OF THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

President—ROBT. N. HUGHES, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
General Agent—WILLIAMSON TALLEY, ATLANTA, GA.
Residence—RICHMOND, VA.
Organized under the laws of the State of Virginia—MAY 21, 1903.

CAPITAL.

Amount of capital stock paid up in cash..... \$222,500 00

ASSETS.

Loans on mortgage (fully recorded and being the first liens on the fee simple)
upon which not more than one year's interest is due..... \$13,484 10
Loans on mortgage (fully recorded and being the first liens on the fee simple)
upon which not more than one year's interest is due..... 342 75
Value of lands mortgaged, exclusive of buildings and personal im-
provements..... 20,150 00
Value of buildings mortgaged (insured for \$25,700 as collateral)..... 31,160 00
Total value of said mortgaged premises..... \$35,312 75

BONDS AND STOCKS OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.
Description of Bonds. Par Value. Market Value.
City of New York..... \$2,000 00 \$2,000 00
City of New York..... 10,000 00 10,000 00
State of Virginia..... 5,000 00 5,100 00
City of Charleston, S. C..... 10,000 00 10,000 00
City of Charleston, S. C..... 10,000 00 10,000 00
State of Georgia..... 10,000 00 10,000 00
City of Atlanta, Ga..... 10,000 00 10,000 00
City of Augusta, Ga..... 10,000 00 10,000 00
City of Savannah, Ga..... 10,000 00 10,000 00
City of Jacksonville, Fla..... 5,000 00 5,000 00
City of Tampa, Fla..... 4,000 00 4,000 00
State of Alabama..... 1,100 00 1,100 00
State of Alabama, class "B"..... 4,700 00 4,700 00
State of Alabama, funding..... 8,000 00 8,000 00
State of Alabama, class "B"..... 38,750 00 38,750 00
County of Jefferson, Ala..... 25,000 00 25,000 00
City of Birmingham, Ala..... 8,000 00 8,000 00
County of Montgomery, Ala..... 2,500 00 2,500 00

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City of Montgomery, Ala..... 12,000 00 12,340 00
State of Mississippi..... 20,000 00 20,400 00
City of New Orleans, La..... 20,000 00 21,200 00
City of Dallas, Tex..... 10,000 00 11,500 00
City of Houston, Tex..... 10,000 00 11,500 00
City of Louisville, Ky..... 10,000 00 10,300 00
City of Memphis, Tenn..... 10,000 00 10,300 00
City of Nashville, Tenn..... 10,000 00 11,000 00
City of Chicago, Ill..... 18,000 00 18,600 00

Total Par and Market Value (carried out at market value)..... \$400,000 00 \$428,810 00 \$428,810 00

COLLATERAL LOANS.

Description of Collateral. Par Value. Market Value. Amount loaned thereon.

14 shares stock, Birmingham Trust and Savings Co..... 5,000 720 1,000

30 shares stock, North Birmingham Land Co..... 1,000 870 1,000

10 shares preferred stock, Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company..... 500 400 1,000

First mortgage gold bonds, Williamson Bank, High Point, N. C..... 500 400 1,000

6 shares stock, Birmingham Trust and Savings Co..... 2,000 2,180 1,000

2 first mortgage gold bonds, Birmingham Railway and Electric Company..... 2,000 1,700 1,000

2 first mortgage gold bonds, Tusculum Light and Ice Company..... 2,000 1,700 1,000

122 shares stock, High Point (N. C.) Perpetual Building and Loan Association (first series) (1)..... 12,200 6,222 5,000

7 shares stock, Commercial Bank, High Point, N. C..... 700 1,120 5,000

15 shares stock, Globe Home Furniture Company, High Point, N. C..... 1,500 2,250

60 shares stock, High Point (N. C.) Perpetual Building and Loan Association, (second series) (2)..... 6,800 2,838 2,800

90 shares stock, People's Building and Loan Association, High Point, N. C., (third series) (3)..... 9,000 4,608 2,800

Note.—An additional security on the last two companies amounting as follows:

(1) \$12,378.00—Value of Property, \$5,000.00

(2) 1,500.00 " " 5,000.00

(3) 10,000.00 " " 10,400.00

Total par and market value, and amount loaned thereon..... \$41,000 \$25,888 \$18,800

Cash in the company principal office..... 8,108 40

Cash in the company branches..... 61,122 40

Interest due and accrued on bonds not included in market value..... 1,188 00

Interest due and accrued on bonds not included in market value..... 164 78

Interest due and accrued on bonds not included in market value..... 65,673 58

Interest accrued on bank certificates of deposit and mortgages..... 229 96

Aggregate amount of all assets of the company, stated at their actual value..... \$586,763 06

LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for adjusted and unpaid losses due and to become due..... \$1,870 64